



# Illinois Ethics Matters

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## Recent News

The OEIG is pleased to announce the following changes to its staff:

- **Michael Cook**, previously OEIG's Deputy Director of Ethics Training and Compliance, was promoted to Director of Human Resources, effective January 21, 2015.
- **Salome Kiwara-Wilson** was named an Assistant Inspector General in the Springfield Division, effective January 12, 2015.
- **Louzane Hopkins** was promoted to Administrative Supervisor in the Complaints and Compliance Division, effective December 23, 2014.

## OEIG Releases its 2015 Legislative Agenda



On December 23, 2014, the OEIG delivered a letter to the four legislative leaders outlining its agenda for the Spring 2015 session of the 99<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The letter, available for review on the

OEIG website, identified four key components aimed at:

- **Increasing transparency by increasing the number of OEIG founded reports released to the public.**
- **Expressly allowing the OEIG to disclose information to agency heads regarding on-going investigations when matters of public safety are implicated.**
- **Ensuring the OEIG has access to needed information.**
- **Providing for the enhanced protection of the confidentiality of OEIG investigations.**

The OEIG believes that its 2015 legislative proposals will further improve the functioning of State government. In addition, we are proud that its investigative findings have saved the State and/or allowed the State to recover hundreds of thousands of dollars in funds. We are equally proud to have identified multiple instances of wrongdoing, which we believe has improved efficiency and ethics within the agencies of the Illinois governor.

Finally, we look forward to working with the legislature and others interested in good government in the coming months to further strengthen our ethics laws. Persons or organizations interested in supporting our agenda may contact OEIG Director of Ethics Training and Compliance David Morrison. See below for his email.

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## OEIG's IDOT Investigation Helps Spark Executive Orders

In his first week in office, Governor Bruce Rauner issued a pair of Executive Orders specifically addressing issues stemming from the OEIG's three-year investigation of hiring improprieties at IDOT.

Specifically, in Executive Order 15-09, Governor Rauner:

- **cites IDOT hiring issues as the basis for a series of steps to ensure ethical and responsive government.**

In addition, in Executive Order 15-10, Governor Rauner:

- **directs Central Management Services (CMS) to "publish all Rutan-exempt hires" (hires for which political affiliation is permitted) on the Illinois Transparency and Accountability Portal (ITAP) website, [accountability.illinois.gov/](http://accountability.illinois.gov/).**

The OEIG is encouraged by the emphasis on ethics and transparency in State government and we look forward to working with the new administration on efforts to increase transparency.

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